

**From:** Orta, Matt [Matt.Orta@austintexas.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 11:43 AM

**To:** Warren, John

**Subject:** Re: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

Loop 360 is being driven by future annexation (2016) and the issues of response along S. I-35 are occurring now. They both are very important but the Onion Creek area is in the city now and the other will be in 4 years.

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**From:** Warren, John [mailto:John.Warren@austintexas.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 11:38 AM

**To:** Orta, Matt

**Subject:** RE: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

Matt -

Clarifying question. Only one of the four stations (Loop 360) was designated as a near-term project, but Onion Creek is a higher priority. Why was it not designated a near-term project? Why was Loop 360 designated as near-term, but is not the highest priority of the four?

Just asking because I'm sure someone on the committee will ask.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Orta, Matt [mailto:Matt.Orta@austintexas.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 11:32 AM

**To:** Warren, John

**Subject:** RE: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

John,

Onion Creek would be the highest priority. Due to increased growth along the South I-35 corridor and anticipating a corresponding call volume, we feel that this is where the priority needs to be.



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**From:** Warren, John [mailto:John.Warren@austintexas.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 10:49  
**To:** Orta, Matt  
**Subject:** RE: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

Matt -

This question refers specifically to your 4 proposed stations (Loop 360, Sunset Valley, Grand Avenue Parkway, and Onion Creek).

John

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**From:** Orta, Matt [mailto:Matt.Orta@austintexas.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 10:47 AM  
**To:** Warren, John  
**Subject:** RE: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

John,

Are talking about one of the 4 proposed stations like Loop 360, Sunset Valley, Grand Avenue Parkway and Onion Creek or do we also throw in The downtown station (Station 1) with Fire/EMS Headquarters?



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**From:** Warren, John [mailto:John.Warren@austintexas.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 10:36  
**To:** Orta, Matt  
**Subject:** RE: More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee

Matt -

One additional question that would provide the committee valuable guidance in its deliberations:

If AFD could only have one of its proposed stations recommended for funding, which station would be the department's highest priority? Why?

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Orta, Matt [mailto:Matt.Orta@austintexas.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2012 8:12 AM  
**To:** Warren, John  
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**Importance:** High

John,

My responses are in red and the attachment has the answers to question 1 and 4.



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**From:** Warren, John [mailto:John.Warren@austintexas.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2012 15:26  
**To:** Orta, Matt  
**Cc:** Hager, Greg; Trimble, Michael  
**Subject:** More Follow-Up Questions from City Facilities Committee  
**Importance:** High

Matt -

First of all, thank you so much for providing answers to the committee's questions in such a timely manner. The information was useful. It also led the committee to ask a few other questions.

- 1) What is the actual staff capacity for Fire Station #1? How many personnel was it designed to hold, given the functions performed at the station? See attached PDF.
- 2) What specific functions are performed out of Fire Station #1? Could any of those functions be shifted to other stations without affecting the quality or efficiency of those functions or adversely affecting public safety? If not, why not? In addition to fire suppression, rescue and medical response, Station 1 crews also respond to Rope rescue, Water, and Search & Rescue emergencies. The crews at station 1 make up one of the four Special Operations teams that are strategically placed throughout the city. The apparatus and equipment that are housed at station 1 include, 2 pumpers, 1 quint, 2 swiftwater boats, 2 Search & Rescue trucks. Due to the number of resources that are required to accomplish the Special Operations mission and limited space in existing stations in central Austin, it is not possible for the AFD to place this team elsewhere in the city without adversely affecting the response times of calls requiring these specialized functions.
- 3) How many of the department's existing stations meet the established on-scene response time benchmark (85% of all emergency calls have on-scene response within 8 minutes)? What specific stations meet the benchmark? The response time benchmark is not a reflection on specific stations but rather on Response

Area Polygons throughout the city of Austin. The map provided has the 2011 response time benchmarks.

4) Regarding the proposed new AFD/EMS headquarters, please provide a proposal for phasing the project along with estimated phase costs that would allow the committee to consider whether it is possible to propose something short of funding the entire project.

See attached PDF.

Also, please provide information on the nature and status of discussions on possible co-location of headquarters with the other public safety departments, and explain how those discussions might factor into the phasing of the proposed headquarters project. The Austin Fire Department and Austin/Travis County EMS have had discussions on a shared headquarters building and have agreed that the proposed phasing of the Headquarters build-out is a suitable alternative if funding is not available to complete the project in its entirety.

Again, thank you for the information you have already provided the committee, and we look forward to receiving this new information.

Regards,

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